

REPORT OF AGENT FOR UINTAH AND OURAY AGENCY.

WHITEROCKS, UTAH, *August 14, 1905.*

This agency is located at a point about 14 miles slightly west of north of Fort Duchesne, Utah, and at about 10 miles from the foothills of the Uintah spur of the Wasatch Mountains. The location, so far as regards climate and altitude, is ideal, but the agency is not centrally located with respect to all Indians of the reservation, the Uncompahgre band of Utes, for the most part, living from 20 to 70 miles away. With reference to the Uintah and White River bands of Utes, the location is accessible to most of the members of these bands, they living in the immediate vicinity thereof. A subagency has, however, been maintained at Ouray, Utah, 35 miles southeast of this agency, and through this arrangement the needs of the Uncompahgre band are readily recognized.

Agriculture.—During the past year the Indians of the reservation have engaged in agriculture to a more or less degree, and it is believed that some advancement has been made in this industry. Their knowledge of such work, however, is limited, and of necessity the results obtained by them are not commensurate with the assistance rendered by agency farmers, nor, in fact, with the amount of work performed by them, economical methods not being adhered to even when instructions and assistance are rendered.

Allotments.—All Indians of the reservation have been allotted land, the last allotments made to the Unitahs and White Rivers having been completed in June of the present year. The Uncompahgre Indians are, for the most part, allotted along the Duchesne River, some few of them, however, having been placed along Lower White River and in the valleys of the small streams tributary thereto. About one-half the members of this band were allotted by a commission in 1897 and 1898, but only 83 of these allotments were ever approved, being those lying east of Green River. All the Indians of this band not having received allotments in 1897 and 1898 were allotted during the past year on the Uintah Reservation. The Uintah and White River Indians were allotted during the past spring and have been given land in the vicinity of the agency at Whiterocks, except about one-fifth who were placed along Lake Fork Creek on the agricultural lands of the upper Duchesne River. All allotments which were made during the past year were made by a commission appointed for that purpose. Allotments were selected from the very best land to be found on the reservation, and the quality thereof was obtained by actually inspecting each tract of 40 acres of all such land available for allotment and

the Indian given his choice thereof. The commission which made the allotments was composed of Mr. W. H. Code, chief engineer of the Interior Department, Mr. Chas. S. Carter, a local resident, and myself.

Application for water rights for all Indian allotments have been filed with the State engineer of Utah, at Salt Lake City, and every possible precaution has been taken to protect the Indians in such water rights. Owing to the principle of the beneficial use of water for irrigation purposes, it will be necessary for the Indians to use the water for which water rights have been obtained, and therefore systems of ditches to irrigate all allotments must be constructed, and in order to comply with the State law the work must be completed within five years from the date of granting the applications by the State engineer.

Education.—During the year the two boarding schools, one located at White-rocks and the other at Randlett, have been maintained, and, judged by the average attendance, both schools have been fairly satisfactory. The Uintah school at Whiterocks, however, has had proportionately the larger attendance, owing, presumably, to the difficulty of causing the Uncompahgre band, from which the school at Randlett gains its scholarship, to bring their children from remote distances to have them placed in school. Plans are now being carried out looking to the betterment of school conditions on the reservation, and it is believed that some satisfactory results will be obtained.

Missionary work.—There are two missions at work on the reservation, both under the auspices of the Episcopal Church. The mission at this agency has erected a small chapel, which has been completed during the past year, and a hospital, in which buildings most of their missionary work is carried on. The mission supports two ladies at the agency to conduct the missionary work, and, while their field is undoubtedly a discouraging one, they continue their efforts in every way possible. The mission at Randlett has a small chapel located at that point, and, in addition, a set of quarters occupied by the Rev. Mr. Hersey, under whose charge all of the mission work on the reservation is carried on.

Miscellaneous.—During the past year three cases were prosecuted against persons for selling liquor to Indians, and two convictions, carrying about one year's imprisonment, were effected through the Federal court at Salt Lake City, Utah. Considerable difficulty has been experienced in preventing Indians from obtaining whisky, or beverages sold under that head, notwithstanding a State law exists which ought to prevent such illegal traffic. Endeavor has been made to have the State officials enforce the law, but so far practically no results have been obtained along this line. Owing to the character of the law and special provisions it will become inoperative at the opening of the reservation.

Indians have been employed during the year wherever possible in repairing and making roads, repairing and cleaning irrigation ditches, cutting cord wood, hauling supplies, and, in fact, wherever Indians could be employed. I do not hesitate to say, however, that it requires great effort to cause them to work at all, it being apparent that from their natural instinct they would much rather lead an indolent life than one of thrift and industry.

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Captain, Fifth Cavalry, Acting Indian Agent.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF UINTAH SCHOOL.

WHITEROCKS, UTAH, August 18, 1905.

I took charge here, in connection with the Ouray boarding school, July 1, 1905, and so have no knowledge of workings of the departments of school work during the past year.

At present extensive repairs are going on in all the buildings, alterations and enlargements being made so as to accommodate at least a part of the pupils who have been in attendance at the Ouray boarding school, but who will be deprived of that privilege on account of that plant being recommended sold for town site. A great deal of work is yet to be done in order to put these buildings in shape for occupancy. The union of these two schools will be a great advantage.

We are looking forward to the erection of a new school plant, one with increased capacity, so that all the Ute in the three bands on this reservation may be accommodated. A farm with sufficient land for both farming and pasturage will undoubtedly be furnished us, and with these facilities good work can be done. The interest manifested in this matter by our agent, as well as the assured liberality of your Office, gives us hopes of something better in the future.

OSCAR M. WADDELL, *Superintendent.*

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF OURAY SCHOOL.

UINTAH AND OURAY AGENCY, UTAH, August 15, 1905.

Since my last report the school has improved in many respects. The farm has been much improved by proper cultivation, the grounds leveled, and the loose stones hauled off; an orchard of 170 trees set out, which promises to do well; the brick buildings repaired and coated with paint, and many inside improvements made. With all this the grounds and buildings have taken on a very homelike appearance.

Literary.—The schoolroom work has been hampered by the same disadvantage under which it has always labored—only one teacher for all grades, ages, and sizes. Considering this, the pupils did very good work. The furloughing of employees May 31 stopped the work intended to be done on the school gardening.

Industrial.—This part of the work has been carried on much more satisfactorily than during previous years. The installation of the water system in part last year did away with the drudgery of hauling water from the river and gave time for the teaching of more useful things to the boys. Repairs on buildings, fences, farm work, and improvement of grounds have kept the industrial teacher and his detail busy. The girls were instructed in cooking, laundering, sewing, and housework, and made creditable progress.

Health.—The health of both children and employees has been excellent, there being but one serious case of sickness during the year, a case of pneumonia caused by the boy going into the river while the water was yet very cold. This, however, did not prove fatal.

Employees.—The constant changing of employees has worked a great hardship on the school. In this isolated region it is very difficult to obtain competent temporary employees, while permanent employees get a mistaken impression of the school by some discouraging reports made when things were not in as good condition as now; hence the trouble in filling the positions.

Steps are now being taken to abandon this school and sell the buildings and farm for a town site. The union of this school with the Uintah boarding school will be a great advantage in many respects. The new school plant anticipated will be a great improvement over the two small plants now in use, the buildings of which are not in the least modern.

OSCAR M. WADDELL, *Superintendent.*
